

The IT Modernization Guide for Government Agencies

Proven Strategies for Reinforcing Resilience,
Compliance, and Public Services

Government operations rely on technology to deliver critical public services, from emergency response to transportation. A 2024 EY report shows that although 91% of agency leaders recognize the importance of IT modernization, only 40% make it a priority, leaving infrastructure vulnerable and services at risk.

This guide outlines practical steps to assess IT readiness, implement targeted improvements, and follow a structured modernization plan. By emphasizing security, compliance, and resilience, agencies can protect data, streamline operations, and stay agile as demands evolve.

Recognizing IT Challenges in Government Operations

Legacy IT often creates more challenges than it solves. Outdated systems introduce security risks, hinder scalability, and slow down operations. Recognizing these pain points early is key to staying secure, efficient, and competitive.

Signs It's Time to Modernize:

- Cyber threats are rising and putting citizen and agency data at risk
- Disconnected systems slow down workflows, and service delivery
- Aging networks make digital government services unreliable and inefficient
- Compliance requirements are becoming harder to meet
- Frequent system outages disrupt emergency response, records access, and public resources
- Rising maintenance costs strain IT budgets for outdated systems
- Scaling technology is difficult, as cloud, automation, and AI adoption lag
- Weak identity management increases security risks and unauthorized access to sensitive data

Assessing IT Readiness for Legacy Modernization

Before transitioning from legacy systems, understanding existing IT strengths, risks, and gaps is critical for a smooth process.

Key Questions to Evaluate IT Readiness:

Are current systems compliant with CJIS, FedRAMP, NIST, and state regulations?

Can cloud-based platforms improve scalability, accessibility, and cost-efficiency?

Are disaster recovery and business continuity plans aligned with public safety and emergency response needs?

Do existing IT systems support automation, AI-driven analytics, and secure data sharing?

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IT Modernization Priorities for Government Organizations

State and municipal agencies face unique IT challenges that require tailored solutions. Leaders must address cybersecurity risks, compliance mandates, operational resilience, and digital transformation to improve service delivery and public trust.

Key Modernization Drivers:

- **Cybersecurity and Compliance:** Ensure IT systems align with CJIS, FedRAMP, NIST, and evolving state and federal security regulations
- **Resilient Infrastructure:** Strengthen networks and systems to prevent downtime and ensure operational continuity
- **Cloud and Digital Transformation:** Modernize legacy applications and adopt cloud-based services for flexibility and efficiency
- **Data-Driven Public Services:** Use AI and analytics to improve decision-making, resource allocation, and citizen engagement

Aligning IT strategy with government priorities helps agencies enhance security, ensure compliance, and improve citizen services.

- “[Agencies] reported spending about **80 percent on operations and maintenance** of existing IT, including legacy systems, with only **20 percent... for investing in new systems.**” (GAO/IDC¹)

Quick Wins: Steps to Start Modernizing IT Today

Modernization doesn't have to be overwhelming. Small, strategic improvements can deliver immediate benefits while laying the groundwork for larger transformation.

Steps You Can Take Now:



Cloud Migration & Cost Optimization

- Strategically migrate workloads to optimize performance and costs
- Adopt hybrid or multi-cloud for flexibility and resilience
- Use FinOps strategies to manage cloud spend efficiently

[Explore Cloud & FinOps Consulting](#)



Security & Zero Trust Enhancements

- Deploy AI-driven threat detection to improve real-time security monitoring
- Strengthen identity security with Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) and least-privilege access controls
- Implement network segmentation to limit risk and contain breaches

[Explore Zero Trust Security](#)



Automation & AI Pilots

- Leverage AI analytics to enhance decision-making and predictive maintenance
- Automate manual IT tasks to improve efficiency and reduce errors
- Deploy self-healing infrastructure that optimizes performance in real-time

[Explore AI & Application Modernization](#)



Disaster Recovery & Resilience Planning

- Conduct business continuity testing to identify IT gaps before disruptions occur
- Implement automated failover solutions to minimize downtime and data loss
- Ensure disaster recovery plans align with compliance and operational needs

[Explore Disaster Recovery Services](#)

Assessing and Expanding Expertise

- **Evaluate in-house capabilities** in cybersecurity, compliance, automation, and AI
- **Identify gaps in expertise** that could slow or complicate modernization
- **Consider managed IT services** for specialized support, scalability, and continuous optimization

Prioritizing a Phased Approach



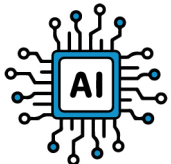
Phase 1: Strengthen Security & Resilience

- Implement Zero Trust frameworks and disaster recovery planning
- Address cyber risks and compliance requirements



Phase 2: Optimize With Cloud & Automation

- Migrate key workloads to hybrid or multi-cloud environments
- Automate manual IT processes to improve efficiency



Phase 3: Scale AI & Advanced Technologies

- Deploy AI-driven security, predictive analytics, and self-healing systems
- Modernize legacy applications to support long-term innovation

Why InterVision?

InterVision delivers IT modernization strategies that drive measurable business outcomes. Our expertise spans security, cloud, automation, and AI, ensuring transformation efforts are secure, scalable, and aligned with business priorities.

From strengthening cybersecurity and modernizing legacy systems to cloud-based infrastructure and AI-driven government services, InterVision helps state and local agencies future-proof IT and optimize public services.

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Final Thoughts: Moving from Strategy to Execution

IT modernization in government ensures technology strengthens public services, rather than slowing them down. A secure, scalable foundation allows agencies to protect citizen data, meet regulatory requirements, and improve service delivery. With a structured approach, government organizations can enhance security, streamline operations, and adapt to evolving demands.

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